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Record Votes: Six records vote were taken today. (Total—270)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, November 16, 2006, and adjourned pursuant to the provisions of H. Con. Res. 496, at 10:01 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Monday, December 4, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11106.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS SYSTEMS MODERNIZATION

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Department of Defense business systems modernization and financial management accountability efforts, after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office; John Argodale, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Operations; David M. Wennergren, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Navy; and John G. Vonglis, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller.

PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the reauthorization of the Pipeline Safety Program, focusing on safety concerns and the growing rate of construction-related pipeline accidents driven by a growing economy, including S. 3961, to provide for enhanced safety in pipeline transportation, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Thomas J. Barrett, USCG (Ret.), Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Carl Weimer, Pipeline Safety Trust, Bellingham, Washington; Timothy Felt, Explorer Pipeline Company, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on behalf of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines and the American Petroleum Institute; Terry Boss, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, Washington, D.C.; and E. Frank Bender, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the American Gas Association and the American Public Gas Association.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Kevin M. Kolevar, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Energy for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PUBLIC LANDS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 3636, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality economic development in Washington County, Utah, and S. 3772, to establish wilderness areas, promote conservation, improve public land, and provide for high quality development in White Pine County, Nevada, after receiving testimony from Senators Bennett, Ensign, and Reid; Chad Calvert, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Brent Eldridge, White Pine County Board of County Commissioners, Ely, Nevada; Jerry Greenberg, Wilderness Society, Madison, Wisconsin, on behalf of sundry organizations; Alan Gardner, Board of Commissioners, Washington County, Utah; Peter Metcalf, Black Diamond Equipment, Limited, Salt Lake City, Utah, on behalf of the Outdoor Industry Association.

CHIP PROGRAM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care held a hearing to examine the States' perspective of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), receiving testimony from Nathan Checketts, Utah Department of Health, Salt Lake City; Sharon L. Carte, West Virginia Children's Health Insurance Agency, Charleston; Ann C. Kohler, New Jersey Department of Human Services, Trenton; Nina Owcharenko, The Heritage Foundation, Washington, D.C.; Lisa C. Dubay, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland; and Tobi Drabczyk, Walkersville, Maryland.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4046, to extend oversight and accountability related to United States reconstruction funds and efforts in Iraq by extending the termination date of the Office of the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction; and

The nominations of James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, and Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, both to be

a Governor of the United States Postal Service, Dan G. Blair, to be Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, and Stephen Thomas Conboy, of Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

DOD TRAVEL SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded hearings to examine Department of Defense travel policies and practices, focusing on the cost benefit analysis of the Defense Travel System, after receiving testimony from Thomas F. Gimble, Acting Inspector General, and David S.C. Chu, Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, both of the Department of Defense; and McCoy Williams, Director, Financial Management and Assurance, Government Accountability Office.

DRUG SAFETY AND INNOVATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine proposals to improve drug safety and innovation, and S. 3807, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve drug safety and oversight, after receiving testimony from Sheila P. Burke, the National Academies,

Diane E. Thompson, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, and Greg Simon, FasterCures, all of Washington, D.C.; Steven E. Nissen, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio; Adrian Thomas, Johnson and Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development, LLC, Horsham, Pennsylvania; and Jim Guest, Consumers Union, Yonkers, New York.

CIVIL RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Wan J. Kim, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; Michael A. Carvin, Jones Day, Robert N. Driscoll, Alston and Bird, LLP, and Joseph Rich, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, all of Washington, D.C.; and Theodore M. Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., New York, New York.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, November 17, 2006, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of H. Con. Res. 496, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2006.

Committee Meetings

BRIEFING—INTELLIGENCE MATTERS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Intelligence Mat-

ters. The Committee was briefed by Michael V. Hayden, Director, CIA.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.